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SUBJECT: PHAM VAN DONG VISIT CONCLUDES

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1. ALTHOUGH ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO SPEND ONLY 5 DAYS IN BULGARIA, NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION HEADED BY PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG SPENT 10 DAYS HERE, DEPARTING AUGUST 10.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED GOB AGREED TO CANCEL DEBTS ON AID EXTENDED SO FAR. IN ADDITION NEW AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN 1974. COMMUNIQUE PLEDGES CONTINUED ECONOMIC COOPERATION "ESPECIALLY IN AGRICULTURE."

3. COMMUNIQUE HEDGED ISSUE OF ADHERENCE TO PARIS AGREEMENTS BY ALL PARTIES BY STATING THAT THE VIETNAMESE SIDE INFORMED HOSTS OF "PARIS AGREEMENTS WHICH THEY HAVE STRICTLY FULFILLED AND WHICH MUST BE FULFILLED IN SAME MANNER BY THE UNITED STATES AND SAIGON ADMINISTRATION." GOB REMAINED SILENT ON THIS QUESTION.

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4. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT EXTENSION OF BULGARIAN

VISIT WAS TO ALLOW MEETING WITH ZHIVKOV ON HIS
RETURN FROM USSR. ALTHOUGH VISIT CONTAINED NO GREAT
SURPRISES, BULGARIANS BACKED OFF EARLIER STATEMENTS
ON NEED FOR ALL PARTIES TO ADHERE TO PARIS ACCORDS.
AGREEMENT ON MILITARY, AS WELL AS ECONOMIC, ASSISTANCE
NOT UNEXPECTED, BUT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING
WHAT OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES SIGNED MILITARY
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS DURING PHAM VAN DONG VISITS.
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